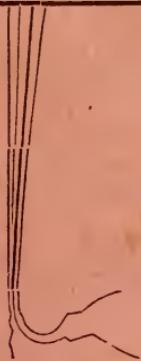


Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association.



1907

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

Route 1,

Marshville, N. C.



Minutes of the Twenty-Third Spring Session

of the

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

Held with the Church at
Mountain Creek, Stanly county, N. C.,

May 4th, 5th and 6th, 1907;

Also of the Seventy-Sixth Annual Session

Held with the Church at
Clarks Grove, Stanly county, N. C.

October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1907.



Compiled and distributed by

J. W. JONES, Clerk and Treasurer,
R. F. D. 1, Marshville, N. C.

Proceedings Spring Session.

MOUNTAIN CREEK, STANLY COUNTY, N. C.,
MAY 4th, 1907.

Assembled at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m., and introductory sermon delivered by Elder J. F. Mills from 19th and 20th verses of last chapter of Matthew. Intermission one hour. Then assembled in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder Thomas Bell and then proceeded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for and read letters from the several churches and their messengers minuted.

2. Appointed Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.

3. Received a petitionary letter from brethren of a newly constituted church at a place called Running Creek, Stanly county, N. C., asking membership in this association. This was granted and on behalf of the association the moderator extended to them the right hand of fellowship.

4. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder Thomas Bell of Mill Branch was seated and welcomed.

5. Invited visiting brethren of sister associations to seats. Elders W. T. Broadway, W. L. Young and brethren Lee Owens, Jacob Morgan, M. C. Morgan, Love Morgan, A. N. Surrat, Sam Snider and H. E. Walser of Abbotts Creek, and Elder W. S. Broom of Arkansas, were present and seated. Received minutes from Senter and Mountain District.

6. Appointed on committee of arrangements Elder A. G. Morton and brethren S. L. Mullis and Aaron Furr, with moderator and clerk.

7. Elected by ballot Elders Thomas Bell, W. T. Broadway, W. S. Broom and J. E. Williams to preach at the stand on tomorrow, service to commence at 10 a. m.

8. Adjourned till half past nine Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

While the association was in session in the house there was preaching at the stand by Elders Bell and Broom.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th.

Service commenced at the stand at 10 a. m. First, by Elder J. E. Williams from Jere. 23rd chapter and 5th verse, followed by Elder Thomas Bell whose text was 21st verse of 5th chapter of John. Intermission one hour. After which service was continued by Elder W. S. Broom from 1st to 3rd verses of 13th chapter of I Cor., and closed by Elder W. T. Broadway from 45th to 47th verses of 15th chapter of II Cor.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 6th.

Assembled in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder W. R. Helms.

9. Called on arrangement committee to report. The same submitted and adopted.

10. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

11. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder Thomas Bell of Mill Branch and Elder W. T. Broadway of Abbotts reported that their associations wished to continue our mutual correspondence.

12. Called on presbyteries to report, when Elder J. E. Williams reported that himself and Elder J. F. Mills formed a presbytery at a school house in upper Stanly county, N. C., on the 14th day of March, 1907, and constituted a church of Primitive Baptist faith and order, styled "Running Creek." Also Bro. P. A. Howard reported that Elder A. G. Morton and Deacon Henry Carpenter formed a presbytery on Saturday before 4th Sunday in April, 1907, at Howards Chapel and ordained Bro. D. B. Howard as a deacon of that church.

13. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

14. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minute. Benediction by the moderator.

While the association was in session in the house there was preaching at the stand by Elders Thomas Bell and W. S. Broom.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

Names of Messengers—Spring Session.

Bear Creek—Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr, E. N. Herrin.

Bethany—W. A. Dry*, N. G. Jones*.

Crooked Creek—W. D. Benton, W. S. Baucom*, H. E. Rowell.

Clarks Grove—J. F. Howell, S. B. Tucker, E. Barbee*.

Freedom—Elder Jesse Brown*, Isom Coley*, J. A. Holt*.

High Hill—Marshal Helms*, T. M. Broom, Elder Henry Taylor*.

Howard's Chapel—P. A. Howard, J. S. Curlee, D. B. Howard.

Jones Hill—A. E. Little*, N. W. Hathcock*, R. T. Burris.

Jerusalem—Joe Thomas*, W. A. Helms*, J. W. Godwin*.

Liberty—S. W. Eason*.

Liberty Hill—Elder H. M. Williams*, W. H. Hinson*, C. W. Safely*.

Lawyers Spring—Elder W. C. Edwards*, Thomas Tyson, J. W. Jones.

Meadow Creek—J. A. Barbee.

Mountain Creek—Paul Safely, B. L. Treece, J. C. Miller.

Pleasant Hill—John Lambert, J. S. Norris*, H. P. Cashen.

Pleasant Grove—Ellis Griffin*, T. A. Helms*, Elder J. F. Mills.

Running Creek—W. H. Hatley, Wilson Alman, G. M. Tucker.

Union Grove—C. S. Medlin, T. F. Hill*, T. A. McClellan.

Watson—S. L. Mullis, E. C. Williams, W. E. Williams.

(Absentees marked thus *)

Proceedings Fall Session.

CLARKS GROVE, STANLY COUNTY, N. C.,
OCTOBER 5th, 1907.

Met at the stand at 11 o'clock a. m., and introductory sermon preached by Elder J. F. Mills. Text 1st verse of 13th chapter of Hebrews. Intermission one hour. Then assembled in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder W. T. Broadway, and proceeded to business, Elder Mills presiding.

1. Called for and read letters from the several churches and their status minuted.
2. Re-elected Elder J. F. Mills moderator and J. W. Jones clerk.
3. Received a petitionary letter from a newly constituted church of our faith and order at Wadesboro, N. C., asking for membership in the association, which was granted, and their messenger given the right hand of fellowship by the moderator in behalf of the association and seated in council.
4. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats.
5. Invited visiting brethren from sister associations to seats.
6. Appointed on committee of arrangement brethren J. S. Norris, W. D. Benton and J. F. Howell, with moderator and clerk.
7. Appointed on finance committee brethren J. M. Austin and Aaron Furr.
8. That Elders J. F. Mills, J. E. Williams, A. G. Morton and W. T. Broadway preach at the stand on tomorrow, service to commence at 10 a. m.
9. Adjourned to half past nine Monday morning. Benediction by the moderator.

While the association was in session in the house services were conducted at the stand by Elders Broadway and Williams.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT. 6th.

Met at the stand at 10 a. m. and service opened by Elder J. F. Mills who preached from 36th verse of 8th chapter of St. John, followed by Elder A. G. Morton from 1st verse of 127 Psalm. Intermission one hour. Then service at the stand continued by Elder W. T. Broadway who used as a text 10th verse of 2nd chapter of Genesis, followed by Elder J. E. Williams; text, "He came not to destroy but fulfill."

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 7th.

Reassembled in the house at half past nine o'clock pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder H. M. Williams. Then proceeded to business, the moderator presiding.

10. Called on committee of arrangements to report. The same submitted and adopted.

11. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

12. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder W. T. Broadway and Bro. Sam Snider of Abbotts Creek reported that they wished to continue our correspondence, and also were present as visitors brethren Solomon Lanier, L. Morgan and A. N. Surrat. From Silver Creek appeared Bro. F. Beam and minutes. From other associations no intelligence.

13. Called on our correspondents to sister associations to report. Elder H. M. Williams reported that himself and Elder Henry Taylor attended the Silver Creek Association, were received and had good meeting. Bro. P. A. Howard reported that himself and Elders A. G. Morton and J. E. Williams attended Abbotts Creek and enjoyed good meeting.

14. Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows: To Abbotts Creek Elder H. M. Williams and brethren D. B. Howard, Aaron Furr, Joel Mullis, W. E. Williams and minutes. To Mill Branch Elder J. F. Mills, Bro. S. Edwards and minutes. To Mountain District Elder H. M. Williams and minutes. To Silver Creek Elder H. M. Williams and Minutes. To Senter file of minutes.

15. Called on presbyteries to report. Bro. Joel Mullis reported that Elders J. F. Mills, W. S. Broom and Walter Edwards formed a presbytery at Pleasant Grove on Friday

before second Sunday in September, 1907, and ordained brother J. A. Jones a deacon of that church. Also the clerk reports that Elders E. E. Lundy, A. G. Morton and W. M. Monsees formed a presbytery at Wadesboro, N. C., on fifth Sunday in September, 1907, and constituted a church of the Primitive Baptist faith and order, and also ordained brother Adam Green a deacon of same.

16. That our Articles of Faith and Rules and of Decorum be appended to these minutes.

17. Treasurer reports on hand from last year \$ 7.50

18. Finance committee report sent up this year \$27.00

Total funds ----- \$34.50

19. That our next spring session be held with the church at High Hill, Union county, N. C., commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in May, 1908, and that Elder J. F. Mills is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Walter Edwards alternate, and that the annual session be held with the church at Running Creek, Stanly county, N. C., 12 miles west of Albemarle, commencing on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1908, Elder Henry Taylor to preach the introductory sermon, Elder Mills alternate.

20. That we request Elder Gold to publish notices of our two next sessions in the Landmark.

21. Resolved that it is only necessary for the churches to send their statistics to fall session of the association.

22. That the clerk superintend the printing of 700 copies of these minutes and distribute as usual and that we allow him six dollars for services.

23. That we return thanks to God, this church and people of this vicinity for kindness and hospitality during this meeting.

24. Adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Benediction by the moderator.

ELDER J. F. MILLS, Moderator.

J. W. JONES, Clerk,

Marshville, N. C., R. F. D. 1.

While the association was in session in the house preaching service was conducted at the stand by Elders W. T. Broadway and A. G. Morton.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION MINUTES.

Financial Statement for 1907.

Funds left over last year	\$ 7.50
Sent up by the churches this year	27.00
Total	\$34.50
For printing these minutes	\$17.50
Allowance to clerk	6.00
Total expenses	\$23.50 \$23.50
Left in treasury	\$11.00



Names and Address of Our Ordained Ministers.

J. F. Mills	Route 1, Marshville N. C.
S. C. Little,	Big Lick, N. C.
A. G. Morton	Albemarle, N. C.
J. E. Williams	Bloomington, N. C.
Jesse Brown	Cagles Mill, N. C.
W. R. Helms	Charlotte, N. C.
H. M. Williams	Charlotte, N. C.
W. C. Edwards	Route 1, Wingate, N. C.
Henry Taylor	Route—, Monroe, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.

NAMES OF MESSENGERS—FALL SESSION.

			Contributions for Minutes	
Bear Creek	Elder J. E. Williams, Aaron Furr, W. P. Bowers	2	\$2 00	
Bethany	N. G. Jones, W. A. Dry, A. D. Maness	2	90	
Crooked Creek	J. M. Austin, W. D. Benton, W. S. Baucom	1	25	
Clarks Grove	J. F. Howell, E. Barbee, S. B. Tucker	1	25	
Freedom	Elder Jesse Brown*, A. J. Dees, J. A. Holt*	1	10	
High Hill	Elder W. R. Helms*, C. A. Helms*, J. J. Hill*	1	200	
Howards Chapel	D. B. Howard, Henry Carpenter, P. A. Howard	1	50	
Jones Hill	R. T. Burris, Fulton Curlee, J. S. Little	1	37	
Jerusalem	Joe Thomas*, W. A. Helms, J. W. Godwin	1	50	
Liberty	J. W. Helms*, S. W. Eason	1	10	
Liberty Hill	Elder H. M. Williams, C. W. Safely, A. G. Helms	1	20	
Lawyers Spring	J. W. Jones, C. B. Edwards, J. P. Rushing	1	100	
Meadow Creek	D. M. Hathcock, J. A. Barbee, Hiram Shoe*	1	200	
Mountain Creek	Paul Safely, Jeremiah Miller*, A. Vanhoy*	2	50	
Pleasant Hill	J. M. Hartsel, J. M. Stumper, J. S. Norris	3	14	
Pleasant Grove	J. A. Jones, T. A. Helms, J. T. Tice	6	20	
Running Creek	W. H. Hatley, Wilson Alman, G. M. Tucker	1	100	
Union Grove	I. N. Medlin, J. D. Hill, T. F. Hill	1	25	
Watson	W. H. Mullis, E. C. Williams, Joel Mullis	1	50	
Wadesboro	Adam Green	3	3	
				Total 21919711513419\$27 00
				Absentees marked thus *.

ANNUAL COMMUNION MEETINGS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	THE ANNUAL COMMUNION MEETING TIME OF EACH CHURCH.
Bear Creek -----	Aaron Furr -----	1st Sunday in August
Bethany -----	N. G. Jones ----- Route 1, Marshville,	3rd Sunday in August
Crooked Creek -----	H. E. Rowell ----- Route 1, Indian Trail,	3rd Sunday in July
Clarks Grove -----	J. F. Howell ----- Big Lick,	2nd Sunday in July
Freedom -----	J. A. Holt ----- Whitley,	1st Sunday in Sept.
High Hill -----	S. A. Helms ----- Monroe,	1st Sunday in Sept.
Howards Chapel -----	P. A. Howard ----- Jack Daw,	4th Sunday in Sept.
Jones Hill -----	J. S. Little ----- Big Lick,	3rd Sunday in Sept.
Jesusalem -----	J. W. Godwin ----- Route 2, Marshville,	2nd Sunday in August
Liberty -----	S. W. Eason ----- Route 5, Monroe,	4th Sunday in July
Liberty Hill -----	C. W. Safely ----- Bridgeport,	4th Sunday in July
Lawyers Spring -----	J. W. Jones ----- Route 1, Marshville,	1st Sunday in August
Meadow Creek -----	D. M. Hathcock ----- Locust Level,	3rd Sunday in August
Mountain Creek -----	A. Vanhoy ----- Pennington,	2nd Sunday in Oct.
Pleasant Hill -----	H. P. Cashen ----- Route 3, Mooresville,	4th Sunday in June
Pleasant Grove -----	T. A. Helms ----- Route 2, Marshville,	2nd Sunday in July
Running Creek -----	G. M. Tucker ----- Route 1, Mt. Pleasant,	2nd Sunday in Aug.
Union Grove -----	I. N. Medlin ----- Monroe,	2nd Sunday in Sept.
Watson -----	S. L. Mullis ----- Sincerity,	4th Sunday in May
Wadesboro -----	Adam Green ----- Route 2, Wadesboro, N. C.	4th Sunday in August
The above dates, including Saturday before, represent regular monthly meeting time of churches.		

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine Word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose his church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, their federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another; provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the appellation of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the association without leave.

6th. No member of the association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

7th. The names of all the members of this association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and be called over as often as the association may require.

Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this association, shall be reproved by the association in any way they may think proper.



